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**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently amended) A pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet comprising a substrate, and a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer laminated on said substrate, ~~the pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet characterized in that~~ wherein:

gas-passing channels that communicate to the outside of the pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet are formed only in at least the pressure-sensitive adhesive layer side of said substrate, and there are no gas-passing channels in the surface of said substrate;

said gas-passing channels are recesses that continue as far as side edges of said substrate;

a plurality of penetrating passages that penetrate or are capable of penetrating through said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer in a thickness direction are formed in said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer; and

said gas-passing channels in said substrate and said penetrating passages in said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer communicate with one another.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said penetrating passages in said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer are formed through gas passing through said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer.

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5. (Currently amended) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said penetrating passages in said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer are formed by laser processing.

6. (Currently amended) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said penetrating passages in said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer are formed by patterning when forming said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer.

7. (Currently amended) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said penetrating passages in said pressure-sensitive adhesive layer are constituted from foam cells, which includes open cells.

8-27 (Canceled)

28. (New) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet according to claim 1, wherein the width of said recesses is 1 to 1000  $\mu\text{m}$ , the pitch of said recesses is 50 to 2000  $\mu\text{m}$ , and the depth of said recesses is 1 to 300  $\mu\text{m}$ .

29. (New) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet according to claim 1, wherein the occupancy (area ratio) of said recesses out of the rear face of said substrate is 5 to 70%.

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30. (New) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet according to claim 1, wherein said recesses form a square lattice in plan view.

31. (New) The pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet according to claim 1, wherein the horizontal cross sectional shape of said penetrating passages is circular, and the diameter of said penetrating passages is 0.1 to 2000  $\mu\text{m}$ .